Important update on Granite Advantage Community Engagement Requirement

You got this letter because you or someone in your household gets medical coverage from the Granite Advantage Health Care Program (GA). There is a change in the Community Engagement start date. Community Engagement was planned to start in January 2019. The Community Engagement requirement now starts in March 2019. This notice is about what you might need to do to maintain continued Medicaid eligibility.

If you are required to participate, the first day you will need to start complying with the Community Engagement requirement is June 1, 2019. Some members will be exempt from this requirement. You will get a notice in a few weeks that will say if you are exempt or must do qualifying activities based on the information we have. Please let us know if there is other information we should consider.

What are some exemptions to the community engagement requirement?

- There are exemptions to this requirement. Some exemptions are having a disability, being pregnant, being a parent or caretaker for a child under the age of six, being a parent or caretaker for a child of any age with a disability, being medically frail, or being enrolled in a state-certified drug court program. Medical frailty must be certified by a licensed medical provider. For a list of exemptions, please visit: https://nheasy.nh.gov/#/granite-advantage/participation/exemptions

If you are not exempt, what is the community engagement requirement?

- By June 30, 2019 you must do 100 hours of qualifying activities for June. Some qualifying activities are education, job search, training, caretaking, substance use disorder treatment, and community service. You must report your hours on a monthly basis. The report for each month is due on the 7th of the next month. June hours are due on July 7th; July hours are due on August 7th; and so on. For a list of qualifying activities, please visit: https://nheasy.nh.gov/#/granite-advantage/participation/activities
What if you can't meet the 100-hour requirement in a given month?
• We understand that things out of your control happen. If something out of your control stops you from doing your hours you can submit a **good cause request** that may cover your missed hours. Some good causes are family emergencies, car break downs, or you or someone in your household having a serious illness. For more information about good cause, please visit:
  https://nheasy.nh.gov/#/granite-advantage/participation/cure

How do you ask for an exemption, good cause, or medical frailty?
If you think you might be exempt, have a good cause for not doing your monthly hours, or are medically frail, you can ask for an exemption by logging into NH EASY, by calling DHHS at 1-844-275-3447 (1-844-ASK-DHHS) and using the self-service option to ask for a Granite Advantage Exemption form, Good Cause form, or Medically Frailty form to be sent to you, or contacting your local district office by phone or in-person.

How can you find out more about community engagement?
Please visit https://nheasy.nh.gov/#/granite-advantage for more information about community engagement. If you do not have a NH EASY account, you can create one at https://nheasy.nh.gov. You can also call DHHS at 1-844-275-3447 (1-844-ASK-DHHS) for further information.